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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 30, 2002, the period for response to which having been extended by one month to April 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning in Column 1, line 39 as follows:

The expansion capability and compatible performance of the prior art digital TV system will be explained.

Please amend the paragraph beginning in Column 1, line 41 as follows:

A digital satellite TV system is known in which NTSC TV signals compressed to [an] about 6 Mbps are [multiplexed] multiplexed by time division modulation of 4 PSK and transmitted on 4 to 20 channels while HDTV signals are carried on a signal channel. Another digital HDTV system is provided in which HDTV video data compressed to as small as 15 Mbps are transmitted on a 16 or 32 QAM signal through ground stations.